

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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V. Smith
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In re application of:

Okada *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/474,127

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For: **Axle Driving Apparatus**

Art Unit: 3682

Examiner: To be Assigned

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Supplemental Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



Sir:

Please enter the following amendment into the application prior to the examination thereof.

Please amend the captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add the following claims:

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~~8 An axle driving apparatus comprising:~~

a housing;

an axle contained in said housing so as to project outwardly

therefrom;

a variable displacement hydraulic pump provided with a movable swash plate;

a positioning plate enclosed in said housing for controlling the tilt angle of said

~~movable swash plate;~~